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Hello-

I've been around computers for 22 years now, growing up in the days when Microsoft wasn't the giant monopoly it is today. I'm very upset at how little has been done to Microsoft because of it's bullying tactics. It's unfair that a company that claims to innovate, only does it when it's being threatened, and then the monopoly just buys out the competition, then crushes the remains and removes the ideas then claims it as it's own. A perfect example of this is Microsoft buying the SGI code for Open GL. If something isn't done, the way that Microsoft will deal with this is by getting rid of it's Direct X competition (Open GL). This hasn't been the first time this has been done.

I guess what I'm trying to get at here is that Microsoft is a monopoly in the worst way. They are buying their way out of paying the price for breaking the law. It's unfair to other companies trying to make the PC industry the wide, free, and innovated space it was years ago.

Not to be so sarcastic, but here is how most people see the way things are going, you can apply this to almost any company:

- 1) It finally goes to court after a year
- 2) Microsoft appeals and tries to delay every court date
- 3) Microsoft is found guilty
- 4) They appeal
- 5) Two years have passed
- 6) More Microsoft products dominate the market
- 7) Microsoft settles with an arbitrator for \$10 million
- 8) company is pissed
- 9) Microsoft wins

Please do something about this. I don't want my future to be dominated by Microsoft. I can live with them, but not with the strangle hold they have currently. I think a firm judgment would be just. It's the right thing to do.

Thank you for allowing our comments to be heard

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